

Public Notice

St. Louis District Gateway to Excellence Reply To:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-F 1222 Spruce Street

St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2736

Public Notice Date

September 29, 2009

Expiration Date

October 19, 2009

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File Number: MVS-2009-611

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army authorization to perform periodic drag line dredging in an existing boat harbor along the Mississippi River, as described below and shown on the attached figures.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Tyson Zobrist) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Consolidated Grain & Barge Co., Attn: Mr. Monroe Black, 6720 N. Hwy. K, Charleston, Missouri 63834, 573-675-3433.

LOCATION: Dredging activities would occur along the existing Consolidated Grain & Barge Company's, Birds Point Terminal Dock facility. This facility is located along the right descending bank of Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 2.4, approximately 4 ½ miles northwest of Wilson City, Missouri. Specifically in Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 24, Township 27 North, Range 17 East, Mississippi County, Missouri. (See Attached Aerial).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Consolidated Grain & Barge Co. seeks authorization to replace two permanent work barges at their existing Birds Point Terminal Dock Facility. The existing work barges are 26 feet wide by 315 feet in total length. The existing work barges will be replaced with one, standard barge that is 35 feet wide by 195 feet long. The standard barge will be held in place by spud poles. To accommodate the width of the new standard barge, Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. seeks authorization to dredge approximately 4,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment and sand between the existing work barges' current locations and the river bank. All dredged material will be removed by means of a crane and clam shell. The dredge material will be placed in trucks and transported approximately 250 feet southwest of the facility where the material will be deposited on an upland site. The upland disposal site is within an agricultural field abutting the entrance road to the Birds Point Terminal. The disposal site is approximately 0.5 acre in size. Dredging needs are dependent on the removal and replacement of the two work barges. Due to fluctuation in river levels Consolidated Grain & Barge Co. seeks a 5-year permit authorization to allow adequate time to complete the proposed work.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant or Mr. Tyson Zobrist, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at either (314) 331-8578 or at electronic mail address: tyson.j.zobrist@.usace.army.mil

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES:</u> The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon Chief, Regulatory Branch

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

Attachments:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.





